

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A motorized kitchen appliance, comprising:
a housing part;
a drive shaft mounted in said housing part;
a rotating element driven by said drive shaft; and
a circlip having a protruding wire, for securing said drive shaft against movement of said drive shaft in longitudinal direction of said drive shaft relative to said housing part.
2. (Original) The kitchen appliance according to claim 1, wherein said circlip is held resiliently in a bead formed in said drive shaft.
3. (Original) The kitchen appliance according to claim 1, wherein said wire is formed by two legs of said circlip between which said housing part engages.
4. (Original) The kitchen appliance according to claim 1, wherein said housing part is disposed under said rotating element, and said rotating element is another housing part accommodating a gear.
5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously presented) A motorized kitchen appliance, comprising:
a housing;
a drive shaft mounted for rotation with respect to the housing, the drive shaft being movable in an axial direction with respect to the housing; and
a circlip removably connected to the drive shaft and limiting axial movement of the drive shaft in a first axial direction.
7. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 6, wherein said circlip is held resiliently in a bead formed in said drive shaft.
8. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 6, wherein the circlip includes a protruding wire formed by two legs of said circlip, the circlip engaging at least a portion of the housing between the two legs to restrict rotational movement of the circlip with respect to the housing.
9. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 6, further comprising a biasing member biasing the drive shaft in the first axial direction.
10. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 9, wherein the biasing member includes a compression spring.
11. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 6, further comprising a key supported by the housing and limiting axial movement of the drive shaft in a second axial direction being opposite the first axial direction.
12. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 11, wherein an electric circuit is closed when the drive shaft contacts the key.
13. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 12, wherein the drive shaft is rotatably driven in response to the electric circuit being closed.

14. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 6, wherein the circlip includes a formed wire having an overlapping circular portion defining a diameter and two legs extending outwardly from the circular portion, the diameter of the circular portion being increased when the legs are moved towards one another.

15. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 6, wherein the kitchen appliance includes a fruit press.

16. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 1, wherein the kitchen appliance includes a fruit press having a collection bin, the rotating element protruding from the collection bin for pressing a portion of a piece of fruit containing juice.

17. (Previously presented) A motorized kitchen fruit press, comprising:
a housing;
an electromotor disposed within the housing;
a drive shaft mounted for rotation with respect to the housing and being rotationally driven by the electromotor, the drive shaft being movable in an axial direction with respect to the housing;
a rotating element protruding from the housing and connected to the drive shaft for receiving a piece of fruit containing juice; and
a circlip removably connected to the drive shaft and limiting axial movement of the drive shaft in a first axial direction.

18. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 17, wherein the housing includes a housing part fixed with respect to the housing, the circlip engaging the housing part to restrict rotational movement of the circlip with respect to the housing.

19. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 17, further comprising a biasing member biasing the drive shaft in the first axial direction.

20. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 17, further comprising a key supported by the housing and limiting axial movement of the drive shaft in a second axial direction being opposite the first axial direction, an electric circuit being closed when the drive shaft contacts the key.

21. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 17, wherein the circlip includes a formed wire having an overlapping circular portion defining a diameter and two legs extending outwardly from the circular portion, the diameter of the circular portion being increased when the legs are moved towards one another.